

Let's Pass Laws To Make All Rich

Why not vote a wage, salary and income increase of 10% to everybody every month, and end the agony at once?
Why vote a minimum wage increase of only 10 or 15 cents a year, year after year?
Why not vote a decrease in hours worked per week, of 10% a week? By the end of a year, we would all be out of work, and so happy.
Let's fix things so that everybody can call at a Government money factory every week and get some wealth to supplement our meager earnings.
Or, better yet, have the Government issue \$100,000 of 4% Government Bonds to everybody. Then everybody could have a lifetime of 4,000 \$'s.

that the Great White Father in Washington says he will free his wards—the American Indians—from Federal controls as soon as they demonstrate economic maturity. The next item in the paper says that the Great White Guardian is himself in debt 290 billion dollars.
Who's mature?
Mebbe you think we're joshing the "LET GOVERNMENT DO IT" boys. No, sir. We are real serious, and we think you should be, too. All we've done is to paint the picture with a broad brush.
Now let's ask that first question—a 10% wage increase to everybody every month.
Put it to your boy and girl in grade school, and ask them: Would that work, or not?
They'll be voters soon.

THE PAPERS REPORTED recently

From The Eccentric's Point of View...

It is fitting that Mrs. Alice Wessels Burlingame (Mrs. W. H.) who for many years has written our weekly column "Down To Earth", was recently honored by the American-Scandinavian foundation of New York City, for her pioneering work in "therapy through horticulture." Mrs. Burlingame, a recognized authority on the subject, has devoted many recent years to convincing mental and criminal institution authorities on the therapy values accruing to persons who engage in garden activities. She has recently written a book, in collaboration with a medical doctor, titled "Therapy Through Horticulture", which is slated for publication this fall by the McMillan Co. It has been said that "he who labors lovingly in a garden is close to God..." and Mrs. Burlingame's therapy pioneering appears to be a healing value to many who have followed her suggestions in this pursuit.

Sewers are mighty important to human beings who dwell in populous areas... even though they may not provide the romantic allurements that accrues to, say, a lovely rose garden on a moonlight night, with a string quartet giving forth with the strains of Brahms' Lullabye! However, to all who are in any way related to the designing, construction and maintenance of sewers (and on behalf of all who use them, too) we hereby sing your praises and close with a hearty: "Thanks!"
Birmingham's Clerk Irene Hanley lets us know that she is encountering difficulties in finding suitable places on which to post some of the city's official notices, such as ordinances and election information. Local ordinance says NO about using telephone poles and trees for that purpose. So she depends on merchants' permission to use their windows, walls, etc. Don't become discouraged, Irene... democracy is full of problems... as it should and always will be.

Birmingham's business sections are showing results of new buildings and exterior and interior modernization improvements, according to data published in this newspaper recently. All of this tends to strengthen our community's economic resources... as well as aid in paying the local tax bill.

Vice-President Nixon declares that he will not reply to the attacks upon him made by the Democrats until later this summer. "Why should I get into the political fray so far ahead of the November general election?", he asks. "To do so would only provide ammunition for my opponents." Well, Richard, to a considerable degree, you are right... but can't you now and then give 'em a slap on the wrist? After all, your supporters are entitled to get something from you to keep them interested.

The nation is observing the 100th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt. Something he wrote has not lost significance with the passage of the years: "Americanism means the virtues of courage, honor, justice, truth, sincerity and hardihood—the virtues that made America. The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER By George Wm. Averill

Teenage drinks often lead to mid-age drunks.
One of the world's everlasting controversies involves where to draw the line between something which is revolting or disgusting and that which is obscene. Perhaps Postmaster Summerfield should stick to delivering the mail, and let a Higher Authority deliver the public from evil.
Many people worry more about breaking a pane of glass than they do the 10 commandments.
You can learn all you need to know about a man's character by observing

how he loses a game.
If women didn't ask so many questions, they wouldn't have such lying husbands.
To be considered a good conversationalist these days, you need only be a good listener.
A salesman's lot is a corny one. He's got to listen to the customer's jokes and laugh like they're brand new.
Pluvius Kvindlog, our venerable reasoner, has discovered the reason why our coins contain the motto, "In God We Trust." It's for those people who use them in fuse boxes.

Listening for November



PEOPLE'S COLUMN

Bloomfield Clerk Answers Complaint

To the Editor:
In reference to letter which appeared in the "Voice of the People" June 30 and written by Fred Wehle, Jr., please be advised that we are enclosing herewith copy of our reply, which was mailed to Wehle on June 28, 1960.
In his letter, Wehle said that he was unable to vote after standing in line more than an hour because he had gone to his township voting place in the recent June 13 school election. By the time he got to the proper school precinct, the polls had closed. Wehle complained that the voting directions received from the Bloomfield township clerk had misled him.
We realize there might be some misunderstanding between the township and school precincts. Bloomfield township has 13 precincts for all township, county and state elections. There are four different school districts in our township. Each of these schools designates its own precincts and voting places and the township has no jurisdiction over this matter. They also handle their own elections. In some cases a township voting place and school voting place may be the same, but this is not always the case.
In Wehle's case, his township voting place was the Bloomfield Village hall, but his school voting place was the Quanton school. It might be wise for the school districts to issue registration cards to the voters in their own districts at the Bloomfield Hills school district does, giving the location of their voting place. We are not trying to confuse any voter by misinforming them, but it would be wise for all new residents to check their township and school voting precincts before any election, if they have any doubt at all, by calling this office or their county of education.
ROBERT H. DUDLEY
Very truly yours,
Township Clerk

Mr. Fred Wehle, Jr., 208 Yarmouth, Birmingham, Mich. Dear Sir: Thank you for your letter of June 16, 1960, with reference to the confusion that took place during the recent school election. We here in the township are, in sympathy with you, however, the town-

ship has no jurisdiction over the school whatsoever. The Fire hall is the correct location for all elections excepting school elections. The polling places for school elections are designated by the school district. We feel the school is at fault for not notifying residents by mail when the election will be held. They do advertise in the local paper. Perhaps a letter to the school board expressing your dissatisfaction would help to prevent future incidents of this nature. Very truly yours, ANN M. BIRRELL, Deputy Township Clerk

Park Damage From Artists Is Protested

To the Editor:
The writer on this and other recent days when passing by Shain Park has noticed city employees with their equipment busily engaged with sods and soils, seeds and shrubs restoring the park to normal. Before this work the park had resembled a zebra with its stripes of greens, blacks and browns.
We had been denied for nearly a month use of the park when it housed the recent art festival. And while the festival had continued only 10 days or so, as many or more were used in erecting and tearing down the great central Boli, the temporary tents and easels which covered a lot of grass and planting for too long a time. During the festival a writer from an area newspaper visited it. He reported plenty of confusion, no information as to what was going on, and suggested the local artists and other like groups in nosey communion. (See PARK, Page 6-B)

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric

50 YEARS AGO
July 15, 1910
"Voters once again turned down a proposal to build a new school house on the M. I. James property, 84 to 97. Most voters wanted a school house but didn't like the idea of buying new property which the old property was going to waste."

"The recent spell of hot weather has brought out many trotters and racers for the races which will be held the first week of August of the State Fair track."

"The Reverend Augustus Marsh, pastor of the first Presbyterian church in Birmingham for nine years died on June 3, 1910 in Grand Rapids. He was 76 years old."

35 YEARS AGO
July 17, 1925
"Mrs. Arthur William Fowler, of 1444 East Bannville avenue, Birmingham, has the distinction of being the third loveliest mother in the north central section of the United States."

"H. T. Ellerby, former village president, announced this week his entrance into the race for State Representative from this district on the Republican ticket."

"The third fatal accident on the construction work for the new Grand Trunk Western right-of-way occurred at 3:45 Saturday morning when an engine operator on a "dinky" train was instantly killed when his train overtook near the intersection of Fourteen Mile road and Coolidge Highway."

15 YEARS AGO
July 12, 1945
"The 16 acre class 3 Bers Airport will be opened Sunday. The airport, located on the south side of East Maple road between

Crooks road and Coolidge Highway is destined to become one of the nation's best airfields for smaller type ships of the air."

"Russell H. Fisher was elected Commander of all American Legion Posts in the 17th Congressional District last Friday. The 17th District includes all of Oakland County, and part of Wayne County. Fisher was previously commander of the Birmingham post."

STRICTLY FRESH

Summer's here. That's the time when most people start thinking about putting their winter clothes in moth balls.

"Some folks mistakenly think that election day means a time when they can elect to stay home."



Of course, not all executives are yes men. Some say "no" when the big boss says "no."

When girls have serious designs on men they are in the shape of wedding clothes.
Have you ever noticed how many people go for the other guy's rights—until the other guy stands up, too?

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